

# SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

**June 12th, 2016**

“...I will look unto the  
LORD; I will wait for the  
GOD of my salvation: my  
GOD will hear me”

(MICAH 7:7)

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## **Schedule of Services**

**Sunday School            10:00 am**

**Sunday Worship        11:00 am**

**Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm**

### **Nursery**

***Nursery available for 4 years old and younger***

### **Happy Birthday!**

**Micah Borders - June 16th**

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“Beloved, where do you want to be found in that day? I trust your answer is in CHRIST JESUS our LORD.

Walk after the Spirit, not the flesh.”

(ROMANS 8:1-11, 2 TIMOTHY 1:12)

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## **MESSAGE FROM GOD**

*...OVERCOME WHEN THOU ART JUDGED...*

The Gospel of GOD's grace in CHRIST JESUS is not a thing to be proved, but truth to be believed. It is not submitted to our reasoning powers for human debates but as the truth from GOD ALMIGHTY. The gospel is a **MESSAGE FROM GOD**, addressed to the conscience, feelings, and affections of sinful man. For this reason, men that are fond of argument and determined to prove everything strictly by logical deduction will never see the beauty in it. For you see dear friends in the Scriptures, GOD does not argue, He proclaims!

*“God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.” (ROMANS 3:4)*

PASTOR **DAVID EDDMONSON**

# SANCTIFIED, PRESERVED, & CALLED

...SANCTIFIED...PRESERVED...CALLED... (JUDE 1:1)

I pray and trust that the LORD will let the reader—enter into the joy, comfort, and rest of His people, as HE let's you hear *the gospel of your salvation*; looking at three things that distinguish every believer in the LORD. Every believer in CHRIST is sanctified, preserved, and called:

## SANCTIFIED

The *first* characteristic that distinguishes every believer in the LORD JESUS CHRIST is that they are “...*sanctified by God the Father.*”

This is our gospel beloved, our HEAVENLY FATHER has *sanctified* (separated) a people to give to HIS SON, made his *possession* before the foundation of the world. (PSALM 2:8, EPHESIANS 1:3-6; 1:13-14)

## PRESERVED

The *second* characteristic that distinguishes every believer in the LORD JESUS CHRIST is that they are “...*preserved in Jesus Christ.*”

This is our gospel beloved, our LORD and GOD JESUS CHRIST *preserves* (keeps) all those the FATHER *sanctified* in eternity to give to HIM. CHRIST has made us his *purchased possession*. The SON said to HIS FATHER *before the foundation of the world* “I shall *save my people from their sins*” (MATTHEW 1:21). The angel of the LORD declared “*He shall*” beloved; by the *doing* and *dying* of our LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST; we are found without blame before HIM in love, preserved and kept by the power of our faithful GOD, JESUS CHRIST. (1 PETER 1:1-5)

## CALLED

The *third* characteristic that distinguishes every believer in the LORD JESUS CHRIST, is that they are “*called*”.

This is our gospel beloved, the FATHER has *sanctified* us, the SON preserves (and has *preserved*) us. Through HIS faithfulness we are kept by HIS power; and the HOLY SPIRIT calls us. And not just any call, beloved; it is a *holy calling* that is effectual!

The HOLY SPIRIT declares that GOD “...*hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,*”. Beloved in “*the day of GOD's power*” HE gives life to men and women individually; who are in one moment *dead to GOD*; who are in the next—quickenened—made *alive to GOD*; exercising “*repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.*” (2 TIMOTHY 1:9, ACTS 20:21)

## THE GREATEST BLESSING...

...MADE A MINISTER... (EPHESIANS 3:7)

**The greatest blessing** that God can give to a town, or community is a preacher, a man who boldly and plainly declares the gospel of his free and sovereign grace in Christ Jesus, a man who dares to preach the Book as it is, who dares to stand up on his feet and confront rebel sinners with the claims of Christ the King! And **the greatest curse** that can come upon a land is for God to silence his messengers. When John Bunyan was shut up in Bedford prison, it was not God's judgment upon Bunyan. It was God's judgment upon England.

*From the sermon "God's Preachers, Their Authority, Their Attitude, and Their Ambition"*

PASTOR **DON FORTNER**

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"Beloved, you have believed in JESUS CHRIST, that you might be justified by the faith of CHRIST."

(GALATIANS 2:16)

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## "ABIDE IN ME"

...THE BRANCH CANNOT BEAR FRUIT OF ITSELF (JOHN 15:4)

Our Lord said to His disciples, "Abide in me, and I in you, as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself" (JOHN 15:4). It is true that a person who is saved by God's grace will remain saved forever; yet the scriptures are full of warnings to believers against UNBELIEF, against DRAWING BACK, against NEGLECTING THE WORD AND WORSHIP, against WORLDLINESS, and against LEAVING OUR FIRST LOVE! Here the Lord Jesus exhorts us to "ABIDE" in Him, which means to stay where we are. Abide (dwell) in His love, in His word, in His Spirit and fellowship. "As we have received Christ, so walk (live, abide, stay) in Him." Let us forever be on guard against any influence (Whether material, social, or personal), which might hinder our fellowship and relationship with the Lord. I think of poor Esau, who satisfied his appetite but lost his blessing. Are we so foolish? Yes, we are! And we need to be constantly reminded of it. STAY where you are! Dwell in Christ and in His word, in His love and with his people. Don't let anyone or anything come between you and Him. If you notice even the slightest decline in interest, desire, or thirst for spiritual growth, go with Jacob "BACK TO BETHEL." (GENESIS 35:1-2)

PASTOR **HENRY MAHAN**